

**King Career and Hutchison Career Center Construction Academy**

**FY2008 Request: \$2,000,000**  
**Reference No: AMD43295**

**AP/AL:** Appropriation  
**Category:** Development

**Project Type:** Transitional  
**Recipient:** Anchorage and Fairbanks School Districts

**Location:** Statewide  
**House District:** Statewide

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**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2009

**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

To provide an opportunity to 400 Alaskans (200 youth and 200 adults) to attend a construction academy focused on high demand high wage occupations in the construction industry. Commitments have been made through the Homebuilders Association and apprenticeship programs to select successful completers of the construction academy for employment and further apprenticeship opportunities.

<b>Funding:</b>	<b>FY2008</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>Total</b>
Gen Fund	\$2,000,000						\$2,000,000
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	0	0

**Additional Information / Prior Funding History:**

In FY 2007 \$1,000,000.00 was allocated by a capital project through the Department of Commerce to the Anchorage School District for the first phase of this program at the King Career Center.

**Project Description/Justification:**

1,000 Construction workers are needed every year just to keep pace with the existing demand in construction projects. As with every industry the construction industry is finding it more and more difficult to find qualified job-ready Alaskans for work on Alaskan projects. If we consider the ten- year forecast, then 48,000 new jobs will be created in Alaska. Providing Alaskans the training to secure jobs in industries with high demand, high wage and high skills helps ensure the competitiveness of Alaskans. To prepare Alaskans for these opportunities we must use innovative strategies that are effective in preparing Alaskans to be work-ready.

To meet the goal of 400 trained and work-ready Alaskans, the department will partner with industry and the Anchorage and Fairbanks School Districts to provide industry specific training in the afternoon and evenings at the King and Hutchison Career Centers. The academies will provide basic skills and hands on experience to youth and adults to prepare them for future employment with members of the Homebuilders Association or entrance into apprenticeship programs. Up to 75 individuals will be supported at the work site through on-the-job training incentives offered to employers.

By supporting this effort with the school districts we institutionalize the concept of work readiness in our education system. Since the training is supported by industry we are assured that workers will be trained according to industry standard. The long term potential for such training is that education will continue to invest in vocational training systems that result in work-ready workers and industry will support an education system that is meeting its needs.